

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2726 - HB 2847

March 9, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Includes the following medals for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as *qualifying periods of armed conflict* for the purpose of providing educational assistance benefits (tuition waiver) for dependents of POWs or deceased veterans:

- Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
- Iraq Campaign Medal; and
- Army Combat Action Badge.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

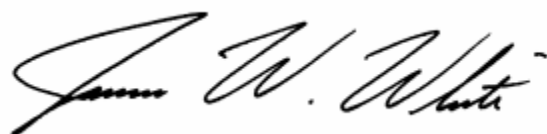
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Current law provides this benefit for children and spouses of service personnel in armed conflicts in which certain medals are awarded.
- The addition of these named medals will not add a new class of recipients to the fee waiver program. It is assumed that the number of dependents who would fall into this category is relatively small; therefore, to allow these dependents to attend a higher education institution without cost is estimated to be a not significant impact on state government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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